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SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL VISITOR: NOMINATION OF DR. MOHAMED ABDEL KHALEK ALLAM)

REF: (A) STATE 90250, (B) CAIRO 4385

1. SUBSTANCE REF (A) RELAYED DR. ALLAM WHO APOLOGIZES FOR MISUNDERSTANDING. HE HAS RECEIVED AUC/NEW YORK CABLE AND IS NOT UPSET BY CONTENTS, BUT IS DISTURBED THAT AUC/NEW YORK SEEMINGLY HAS PRESENTED WASHINGTON PROGRAMMING AGENCY WITH FAIT ACCOMPLI. WHAT HE HAD HOPED WAS THAT AUC/NEW YORK WOULD HAVE CONSULTED WASHINGTON PROGRAM OFFICIALS BEFORE MAKING PROGRAM PLANS.

2. DR. ALLAM AGREES THAT PRIORITY MUST BE GIVEN TO CU ASPECTS OF PROGRAM. HE APPRECIATES CU WILLINGNESS PLAN PROGRAM AROUND VISITS TO DETROIT, SAN FRANSISCO, LOS ANGELES, BUFFALO, SYRACUSE, AND UTICA. HE UNDERSTANDS THAT VISIT IS NOT TO BE INTERPRETED AS AUC BUSINESS TRIP AND IS SENDING CABLE TO AUC/ NEW YORK IN THIS REGARD.

3. PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS CONTAINED REF (B) ARE STILL VALID AND RELEVANT TO POST'S CULTURAL EXCHANGE OBJECTIVES. AUC HAS DEFINITE AND IMPORTANT ROLE WITHIN EGYPTIAN HIGHER EDUCATION FRAMEWORK, AND CONDUCTS OUTREACH PROGRAMS OF CONSIDERABLE IMPORTANCE IN TOTAL BINATIONAL CULTURAL AND EDUCATIONAL PICTURE. DR. ALLAM'S OFFICIAL POSITION WITH AUC NATURALLY IMPLIES THAT HE WILL HAVE SOME AUC INTERESTS AT HEART WHILE PURSUING PROGRAM. IN MANY CASES, POST EXPECTS THAT THOSE INTERESTS

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WILL CONINCIDE WITH CU PROGRAM OBJECTIVES. WHERE THERE MIGHT

BE AREAS OF CONFLICT, DR. ALLAM REQUESTS THAT FREE TIME BE DESIGNATED EACH DAY, PERHAPS IN THE AFTERNOONS, WHICH COULD BE USED FOR PERSONAL AND/OR AUC CONTACTS. POST BELEIVES THIS REASONABLE APPROACH AND SUGGESTS THAT PROGRAM AGENCY ADVISE AUC/NEW YORK THAT AUC'S CONCERNS CAN BE ACCOMMODATED ALONG SUCH LINES. POST APPRECIATES DEPARTMENT AND PROGRAM AGENCY WILLINGNESS BE FLEXIBLE IN MAKING SUCH ARRANGEMENTS.

3. DR. ALLAM PLANNING TO DEPART CAIRO EARLY, PROBABLY APRIL 23, IN ORDER SPEND SEVERAL DAYS PRIVATELY IN NEW YORK CITY BEFORE PROCEEDING WASHINGTON FOR BEGINNING OF PROGRAM ON APRIL 26. POST WILL ADVISE FLIGHT DATA ASAP.
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